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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF EXIMBANK OFFICIALS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT BY EXIMBANK OFFICIALS. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES INFORMED MINISTER OF FINANCE GEORGE CHAMBERS YESTERDAY OF THE IMPENDING VISIT, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS BEGIN WITH MEETING IN HIS OFFICE WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY RAMPERSAD, IDC OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS. (CHAMBERS AND RAMPERSAD WILL DEPART TRINIDAD LATER AUGUST 25 TO ATTEND AUGUST 26 MEETING IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, SO MEETING WITH EXIM TEAM WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE MORNING OF AUGUST 25. THIS WOULD PERMIT CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASFW OFFICERS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.) ONCE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER IS CONFIRMED, EMBASSY WILL MAKE OTHER APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED REFTEL.

2. INASMUCH AS EXIMBANK TEAM WILL BE IN TRINIDAD OVER A WEEKEND, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THEY MAY WISH TO SPEND WEEKEND ON NEIGHBORING ISLAND OF TOBAGO. (COST WOULD BE NO MORE THAN AT TRINIDAD HILTON.) IF INTERESTED, THEY SHOULD HAVE PORT OF SPAIN - TOBAGO - PORT OF SPAIN INCLUDED AS "OPEN" ON THEIR PLANE TICKETS. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THEIR ROUTING IF DONE IN ADVANCE ON TICKETS PURCHASED IN NORTH AMERICA. EMBASSY WOULD MAKE LOCAL PLANE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR TOBAGO EXCURSION.

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